

# Albina-Rockwood Promise Neighborhood Initiative (ARPNI) Portland, Oregon

The Albina-Rockwood Promise Neighborhood Initiative (ARPNI) serves children and families in the Albina and Rockwood neighborhoods of Portland, Oregon. In partnership with six organizations and nine schools, ARPNI coordinates a two-generation (parent and child) continuum of supports focused on increasing student performance and family resilience. ARPNI and its partners approach their work with a shared commitment to achieving equity through the provision of culturally specific and responsive best practices and an implementation framework grounded in a strong evidence base.

## COMMUNITY COMPOSITION

African American 12% White 70%

Latino 21%

Asian 3%

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of residents live below federal poverty level

:#: 32%

of households are families with children



average median household income (per year) in ARPNI



children live in the ARPNI footprint



children are enrolled in partner schools



6

9

partner agencies

partner schools

# **PROGRAM IN ACTION**

#### **ACADEMIC CHALLENGES**

Kindergartener Development

57%

ady for school

of kindergarteners are ready for school

#### **SELECT STRATEGIES**

- Increase the number of Early Head Start slots
- Help children and parents prepare for success through Juntos Aprendemos Early Literacy program
- Supportive services for expecting parents

**Academic Proficiency Math** 

18% = ×

of students are proficient in math

STEM partnerships and stewardships

Individual Success Plans to help students outline goals

**Academic Proficiency ELA** 

30% are proficient in English language arts

- Match volunteers with students who do not meet reading benchmarks
- Culturally specific youth supports for continuous academic improvement

**Chronic Absenteeism** 

25%

of students are chronically absent from school

- Support school personnel to ensure students reach attendance goals
- Address non-school barriers to attendance through trauma-informed care and assertive engagement

**High School Graduation** 

67% of students graduate on time

- Develop a college-going culture for youth
- Individual Success Plans for high school students' postsecondary plans

Source for academic challenges: grantee application

## NEIGHBORHOOD SNAPSHOT

Self Enhancement, Inc. (SEI), is a culturally specific service delivery organization for African American youth and families with demonstrated success at improving high school graduation rates. SEI's Whole School Model's foundation consists of four key components; the "relationship model," creating a "culture of success," a relevant and culturally appropriate "continuum of services," and "comprehensiveness" of working with the whole child at school, at home, and in the community. The goal of the Albina-Rockwood Promise Neighborhood is to improve educational and development outcomes along a cradle-to-career continuum leading from improved kindergarten readiness to successful high school graduation and attainment of a postsecondary degree, vocational certificate, or credential.